GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NORMS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FLOW OF AIR TRAFFIC
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria/norms fixed for distribution of flow of air traffic;

(b) the year in which such criteria/norms were fixed;

(c) whether the Government proposes to change such criteria/norms in view of present situation of air traffic in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The schedules are decided by the airlines themselves on the basis of commercial inputs and operational feasibility, in consultation with airport operator. These schedules are coordinated at the national level by a Committee consisting of representatives of Airports Authority of India, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Airport Operators and the airlines. The slots are allocated in terms of historicity and in line with other such internationally accepted practices, which keep evolving. However, keeping in view the limitations placed on air space and airport infrastructure due to the unprecedented growth in air traffic, in the past 3 years, specially at Delhi and Mumbai airports, the airlines are being encouraged to spread their flights beyond peak hours; operate late night and early morning flights; and use non-metro airports for night parking etc.